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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An adjustable measuring scoop comprising:
  - a) a bucket ~~including at least one fixed wall and having~~ an opening ~~and having walls that include side portions,~~ a bottom portion and a front portion, wherein said front portion and said side portions extend upwardly above ~~said bottom portion;~~
  - b) a movable partition providing another wall for said bucket, said movable partition connected to said scoop by a rotating means and having a range of motion;
  - c) a handle connected to said bucket; and,
  - d) adjustment means for manually moving said movable partition on said rotating means so as to permit convenient selection of a desired scoop size within a maximum and a minimum size, by ready manual manipulation of said adjustment means;  
wherein said adjustment means includes a slide having a range of motion, and said adjustable measuring scoop further comprises one or more supports restricting said range of motion of said slide to a linear path.

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2. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening of said bucket.
3. (currently amended) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, wherein ~~said bucket includes a front portion, and~~ said front portion has left and right aspects that are substantially symmetric to one another.
4. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, wherein said rotating means includes an axle and one or more axle boxes.
5. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, further comprising means for temporarily securing the position of said movable partition once a desired scoop size has been selected.
6. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 5, wherein said means for temporarily securing includes grooves and ribs.
7. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 2, wherein said slide acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least

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part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding range of motion of said slide.

8. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said slide acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding range of motion of said slide.
9. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said adjustment means includes a manually accessible trigger.
10. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 9, wherein said slide acts as a lever on said movable partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least part of said movable partition that exceeds the corresponding range of motion of said slide.
11. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 9, wherein said slide is at least partly located in said handle and said handle includes a trigger aperture.
12. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, further comprising means for temporarily securing the position of said movable partition once a desired scoop

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size has been selected, said means for temporarily securing including:

- a) one or more grooves; and
- b) one or more locking extensions on said slide including a rib that fits within said one or more grooves.

13. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said rotating means includes an axle and one or more axle boxes.

14. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening of said bucket.

15. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 1, wherein said bucket includes a variable unused space on the side of said movable partition that is opposite from said opening, and wherein said adjustable measuring scoop does not include a cover attached to said movable partition that could substantially cover said variable unused space throughout said range of motion of said movable partition.

16. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 15, wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said movable partition is movable toward and away from said opening of said bucket.

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17. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 15,  
wherein said adjustment means includes a manually  
accessible trigger.

18. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 17,  
wherein said rotating means is positioned such that said  
movable partition is movable toward and away from said  
opening of said bucket.

19. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 17,  
wherein said slide acts as a lever on said movable  
partition so as to permit a range of motion along at least  
part of said movable partition that exceeds the  
corresponding range of motion of said slide.

20. (original) The adjustable measuring scoop of claim 15,  
further comprising means for temporarily securing the  
position of said movable partition once a desired scoop  
size has been selected, said means for temporarily securing  
including one or more grooves and one or more ribs that  
mate with said one or more grooves.